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## Faculty fear, praise program audits

ALEXIS DAMIRON — Managing Editor

Recent audit and review programs embarked on by university administrators and faculty could lead to major changes in academic programs, curricula and graduation requirements.

Academic program audits and a redesign of the general education curriculum are strategies the university is undertaking to prepare for growth in enrollment and to help the university meet goals set forth by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) that are to be accomplished by the year 2020, MSU President Wayne Andrews said.

MSU Provost Karla Hughes said the two key strategies are concurrent and complementary and were designed to accomplish several goals, including student success, access and quality of education.

MSU students currently must have 48 hours of general education classes out of the 128 hours required for graduation. According to documents distributed to faculty, administrators plan to reduce the general education requirement to 36 hours to give students more room for classes that would prepare them for a changing world, and to facilitate

students graduating in a shorter period of time.

Hughes said changing the required number of hours for graduation would affect hours required for some individual programs. The number of hours required toward a program dictates how many hours will be spent at MSU, and part of the goal is to decrease the amount of time it takes to graduate.

Changes will not affect students currently enrolled, Hughes said. Catalogs students come in under are a form of student contract with the university, and changes will be phased into future catalogs.

"We will work in the transition so that students aren't affected in a negative manner," Hughes said.

Following reconstruction, the general education courses will be new courses developed through an approval process by a faculty committee. The courses will be placed in their own unit outside of departments, and faculty will be selected to teach the classes based on interest, qualifications and preparation.

Hughes said faculty will always have an academic home, but by placing the general education pro-

gram in its own department, faculty will have the opportunity to work together, creating a broader base for general education classes, so that individual departments would not be defining the courses. "We can really make gen-eds a part of the curriculum, so that students won't view them as 'have to,'" Hughes said. "Students don't view gen-eds as stimulating and exciting, but I want that to change."

The faculty document states a benefit from the general education reconstruction would be developing a system of assessing and reflecting on student outcomes. Hughes said the administration wants to make sure general education is functioning the way it was meant to, by providing core curriculum, including basic math, reading, and writing skills.

"I want to make gen-eds the actual building blocks," Hughes said. "Since [programs] have grown, in order to gain more information, faculty have required certain education courses. This restricts students from taking other courses."

Each university department

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Photo by Carlos Angier

President Wayne Andrews explains the business plan that focuses on capital projects and plans to audit and revamp programs and curricula at MSU.

## Gen Ed program to be revamped

ALEXIS DAMIRON — Managing Editor

At a convocation on Oct. 31 MSU President Wayne Andrews and Provost Karla Hughes presented faculty members with an overview for MSU's 2008-2010 business plan.

According to the presentation, the Council for Postsecondary Education (CPE) developed a plan titled "Double the Numbers," which, in alliance with Kentucky's House Bill 1, challenged each Kentucky university to increase its number of baccalaureate degrees by 2020.

According to CPE guidelines, MSU must increase the annual number of bachelor degrees from 1,655 degrees in 2005 to 1,799 degrees by 2020, and raise undergraduate enrollment from 7,512 students (in 2005) to 11,994 students.

During the convocation, President

Andrews said MSU would expand on the main campus and at the five regional campuses.

Andrews said he expects to see a 2 percent increase of on-campus students each year, along with growth in enrollment in online courses.

To induce the growth required to meet the goals set by the CPE, the university is developing several strategies that include hosting events for middle schools and high schools, increasing technology, making adjustments to scholarships, reforming general education, completing course audits, and enhancing programs such as the Summer Success Academy and mentoring programs.

Andrews said hosting events with

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Photo by Carlos Angier

Students perform for guests who came to enjoy a taste of merry old England during Ye Olde Madrigal Feast, held Nov. 29 through Dec. 1 in the Adron Duran University Center.

## Students, faculty mourn professor's death

SARAH PERRY — Editor

A black-and-white penciled drawing remains taped on the wall of 350 Rader Hall, complete with the "intimidating eyebrows" and "fire-hydrant" presence of the man it depicts. The drawing serves as a reminder of the man who impacted many lives during his time at Morehead State University.

But this is only part of the legacy of the late Greg Goldey, an associate professor of government at MSU, and whose memory will remain forever embedded in the halls of the geography, government and history department.

Goldey, 53, lost his battle with cancer on Nov. 28.

A memorial, located on the third

floor of Rader Hall, is filled with pictures, books and a binder overflowing with pages of memories and thoughts from students.

There are more than 50 anecdotes and letters written to Goldey and his family in the black binder.

Yvonne Baldwin, chair of the GGH Department, said the drawing of Goldey hung on his door for years until the beginning of the semester when he taped it to the office wall in Rader. She hung the drawing to comfort faculty after Goldey went on sick leave when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer.



Professor Greg Goldey

The child of a student who visited Goldey's class on a snow day created the sketch.

Goldey developed many close ties to MSU after he began teaching as an adjunct professor in 1995. He was hired full-time in 1998 and was granted tenure in 2003.

Throughout his years teaching, he influenced many people in his department and classes. Baldwin said everyone in the GGH Department has been feeling the affect of Goldey's death.

"A prize you pay for having a department that is close knit is when one person hurts, a lot of people hurt," she said.

She said she struggled when she hired a temporary instructor to fill his spot this semester.

"I think I know in my heart it wasn't temporary," Baldwin said. "Life's not really about fairness, but this seemed to be too much."

Baldwin describes Goldey as a teacher who was committed to teaching students to make informed political choices and to realize that an informed political choice "is the essence of a democracy."

Eric Swank, associate professor of social work, knew Goldey since 1996. He described Goldey as carrying himself "in a matter-of-fact, no-

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# Audit

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selected a faculty member to serve on the general education council for the redesigning process. Communication professor John Modaff was nominated by his department to serve on the council. He said the council would not meet until Dec. 12.

"I think it's a great idea to look at the gen-ed's," Modaff said. "Organizations should look at their behavior continuously to make sure they are doing the best they can."

Modaff said he believes the outcome will leave MSU with a slightly leaner general education curriculum that could help in a couple of different ways.

He said there could be fewer courses offered, because in some cases it could be that two different courses are offered that achieve learning goals that could be accomplished in one course.

"If the plan is achieved, students will find it easier to navigate and they will enjoy it more," Modaff said. "I also hope the other faculty members on the council can pass along what their students and advisors have been through, not just what they [the faculty members] think."

Yvonne Baldwin, department chair for the geography, government, and history department, said she was asked to attend an American Association of State Colleges and Universities conference in May that focused on general education. During the meeting, representatives learned about general education departments at schools around the country, and what some typical problems are.

Baldwin said she believes all programs and departments at MSU will be affected by both the general education reform and academic course audit. She said just as in other state universities in Kentucky, MSU's general education program has drifted.

"With very good intentions, we have created a set of

choices that includes some wonderful courses but lacks coherence and vision," Baldwin said.

The academic course audit will look at all academic programs within colleges and departments and will be an overall review of academic affairs at MSU.

According to a recent convocation presentation, the audit will look at program productivity, student outcomes, market demand, and course requirements to ensure that all programs offered are effective for the twenty-first century. The audit will ensure that students can complete the programs in a four-year period.

There is a possibility of courses being cut, Hughes said. However, this situation would not occur until there has been thorough evaluation. Hughes said faculty members have reacted well to plans for the academic course audit.

"A number of faculty see this as an opportunity to make significant changes in programs," Hughes said. "But there is always concern when there are changes. The president and I have pledged to the faculty and staff that the process will be open, inclusive, and will have input from others. There are a lot of people really excited."

President Andrews said he believes faculty are feeling a mixture of enthusiasm and anxiety.

"Most people have thought or know they need to do it," Andrews said.

Baldwin said she doubts any of her programs would be removed but some of the courses could be offered in a new unit.

"Course content and teaching decisions will still be made by the faculty within disciplines," Baldwin said. "My guess is that courses that are found not to be viable will be replaced with ones that are."

She said MSU does not have a lot of non-academic departments, so there will not

be significant changes to department.

"Some may be combined, and some may be split. For example, about 18 years ago the individual departments of geography, government, and history were combined," Baldwin said. "This did not change anything for students."

Hughes said administrators

required for students to graduate, and the problem of computing faculty workloads.

"Although these issues are related in important ways, one always hopes that the more important issues end up determining the shape of the overall solution, so that the tail does not wag the dog," Davison said.

He said the problem of measuring effectiveness, for instance, seems to have driven many changes on campus in recent years, but faculty and administrators have not about the costs and benefits of the focus on measuring effectiveness.

"Like some faculty in other programs, I worry that some approaches to reforming the general education program

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—Yvonne Baldwin

Chair of the Geography, Government and History Department

anticipate after the audit process has been completed they will find programs to enhance and maintain and that return on investment and quality must be considered.

She said she believes a whole new curriculum and areas of study could be developed through this process.

Scott Davison, an MSU philosophy professor and coordinator of the philosophy program is involved with the course audit.

He said revamping the general education program would certainly affect MSU.

"For one thing, it will require a smaller number of credit hours to complete, thus making it easier to finish a degree," Davison said. "On the other hand, most students will probably be exposed to fewer fields of study."

Davison said he believes it is not clear yet how these changes would affect his philosophy courses, because it is not clear what role philosophy would play in the new general education program.

"The conversation has just begun," Davison said.

He said he sent an e-mail to all the students in his classes this semester, about 75, telling them the university was beginning to discuss how to revise the general education department and that the role of philosophy was uncertain.

Davison said, like a number of other disciplines on campus, almost no one takes a philosophy class during high school, so most of his students discover what philosophy is through the general education program.

"I invited my students to share their views about general education, like whether or not they were favorable to philosophy," Davison said. "They could complete the university's survey online, not by responding to me directly, so I don't know how many students have responded."

Davison said he thinks the university seems to be trying to resolve a number of issues at once, including the current inability to measure the effectiveness of general education classes, the lack of uniformity of the general education experience for students, the high number of credit hours

could result in fewer students becoming exposed to a field, in less than ideal circumstances, with less than ideal instruction," Davison said. "But I am optimistic that the university will put the educational interest of the students first and foremost."

Davison said he believes that if courses are cut, it would affect the education of future MSU students.

"Some students will benefit because their interests coincide with programs that the university decides to enhance, for instance, although there will be other students for whom this is not the case," Davison said. "But the university makes decisions like this all the time, since we have only so many resources at our disposal, and we cannot be uniformly excellent at everything."

Baldwin said her department would be affected by the course audit in several ways. They will be forced to look

critically at what is taught and why, and to update curriculum, a process undertaken with caution because it is so time-consuming.

"It will offer us the opportunity to choose which of our courses best prepare students," Baldwin said. "It may give us more resources to develop courses within our major, minor, and certificate programs."

She said the course audit may relieve some of the pressure on faculty for large teaching loads and provide more opportunities for smaller courses with more research and writing time.

President Andrews said he believes all the strategies will help the university meet its goals by 2020.

"These processes give us a better understanding of what it will take to be better," Andrews said. "We will find things that need to be added or taken away."

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## EDITORIAL

### Revamping curriculum a positive step

Morehead State University's decision to audit and revamp programs and curricula is a first one honestly and with integrity, could prompt innovative, beneficial results for the university, its students and its faculty.

While some faculty are voicing skepticism and fear over possible outcomes from the audit and possible changes, others are anticipating positive results that could prompt a more exciting and innovative learning atmosphere for everyone. Some of those concerned fear termination of their positions or forced, drastic changes to their teaching methods. But it's time for change, and President Wayne Andrews is addressing that.

We are at a point when many students, who will be responsible for leading the country through the twenty-first century, cannot write creatively and concisely, relate information about science, history or literature, and cannot reason out solutions to everyday problems.

Members of this college generation have had information thrust at them with rapid speed, and many cannot correctly process it because they haven't been taught how to think and reason effectively. Part of that failure is their own. Part of it is the sheer lack of courses and teaching methods no longer relevant to what students see in their futures. And part of it is the result of a less than rigorous curriculum. When students have the option of choosing easy general education courses that do not provide valuable and useful knowledge and do not challenge their minds, they are not going to choose the challenging ones that make them think — the ones that develop their critical thinking skills. When students are introduced into college with the idea that taking the easy road is the best method, they continue this path throughout their college careers, and do not embark on the more challenging and thus would lead to a successful future.

If students begin college with a scheduled course that actually stimulates brain activity, they might have a better chance of succeeding, and graduating. Schedules full of busy classes aren't going to cut it for Fortune 500 companies. Furthermore, students need engaged and helpful instructors who are up-to-date and knowledgeable about their teaching field and the future changes students likely will encounter in those fields.

MSU is headed in the right direction with the curriculum audit and the plan to revamp the general education program. President Andrews has the right idea, but it will take the entire campus community to create positive outcomes.



## Commentary

### Writers on strike enjoy protests



Alexis Darron  
Managing Editor

The numbers of the Writers Guild of America went on strike Nov. 5 after demanding an increase in their share of profits from the use of movies and TV programs on DVD and online. The producers of the shows and movies, and members of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, refused the pay increase. The Writers Guild of America, both east and west divisions, have been

picketing in Los Angeles and New York.

The strike was declared after three months of negotiation between the two groups, and forced shows like "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" to end production until the strikers over. These shows and many others that include a current-event comedy, airing previously recorded broadcasts pending an agreement between writers and producers.

On Monday, the guild said the studios will meet to negotiate further the first time since the beginning of November

While both sides hope for an agreement to end the strike, the studios are anxious because they want new shows to be aired so new works won't lose viewers. However, the strike has not been so bad for the writers.

Since the picketing began, the writer's strike has been considered more of a social event than a protest. Themed days have been planned, such as "Bring Your Kids Day," and many writers have posted videos on YouTube of strikers dancing or acting out short clips.

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the back of a truck. Other celebrities have joined in the strike, including Robin Williams and Susan Sarandon in New York, and Ben Stiller, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Ray Romano in Los Angeles. Eva Longoria, Jimmy Kimmel and Jay Leno have delivered food to the writers.

With so much creativity among the large group of writers, numbered at over 12,000 people, it is no surprise the guild members are having fun. But will the entertainment keep them from compromising with the producers?

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Sarah Perry  
Editor

As the air grows cold and crisp outside and dead tree leaves fall solemnly to the ground, students drag around campus, tired and more than ready for the semester to end. The end of the semester represents something everyone on campus looks forward to: a break from non-stop stress,

time with family, perhaps some snow if we're lucky, and frosty cookies.

The holiday days are something everyone should enjoy and cherish. I remember when I was a child and eagerly awaiting the time when my family was together for food and fun. Times were so simple then.

Now, many students neglect to experience the true joys of Christmas — giving and being thankful. I believe many people are wrapped up in the

idea that you must spend hundreds of dollars in order to make a person feel valued, and they forget it's not about what you receive as a gift, but the thought behind it.

I am so thankful my parents refuse to rack up thousands of dollars on their credit cards to buy me useless technological gadgets such as an iPhone or Nintendo Wii. My family always has placed the value of Christmas on being together — decorating the tree, baking cookies for the

children and taking shopping trips (that usually end up in disaster).

I challenge the campus of MSU to take home something a little more this Christmas season. When everyone returns home, reemerge with a positive attitude, a big smile and a caring, thoughtful hug for your parents and the rest of your family. I bet they'll appreciate a warm embrace more than a cold new gadget.

## Campus Comment

### What are your plans for the Holidays?

The end of the semester is almost here. The Trail Blazer asked students what they plan to do during their holiday break.



Bethany Ellis  
Sophomore Business  
Fallon, Nev.

"I'm going home and going snowboarding with my sister."



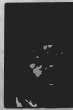
Aaron Gallagher  
Sophomore Jazz Studies  
Farmington, N.M.

"I'll be practicing a lot of music at home, and playing video games."



Allison Honkofsky  
Senior Communication  
Baltimore, Md.

"Celebrate Hanukkah in Baltimore."



Rodney Pritchett  
Freshman CIB  
Dartmouth, Mich.

"Chill with my family and my friends."

# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Network keeps students from stealing

Heather Webb - Staff Writer

Attention: illegal downloaders: worries of fines and Internet shut-offs may be a thing of the past. MSU's Web site links to Ruckus Network, a free and legal online digital media provider targeted at college students.

MSU students, faculty and staff can sign up for Ruckus using their e-mail address at Ruckus.com. A link for this

site can be found on MSU's Current Students page.

According to Ruckus.com, Ruckus is an advertisement-supported service that offers students unlimited free downloads from more than 2.5 million tracks and more than 4,000 movies and TV programs. Full albums can be downloaded and there is new music every week.

Downloading from Ruckus is available to anyone with a valid school e-mail address.

Ruckus is not Apple compatible, according to the Web site. Students with Macs cannot use the application and music downloaded from Ruckus will not integrate with iTunes.

Students can download from the site and make play

lists on their computers, but cannot burn the songs to CD, according to the Web site.

Jami Hornbuckle, MSU's Acting Assistant Vice President for Communications & Marketing and Director of University Marketing, said MSU decided to link to Ruckus to see how many people would use the program.

She said MSU monitored

Ruckus, iTunes, and other solutions for several years to find a music downloading option for students. Ruckus visited campus to present its commercial product, but would cost the university and students a fee, but would be more robust, Hornbuckle said.

The program would have more options for purchasing and owning the music, instead of just making play lists. It also would allow for personalizing the application for MSU and the addition of university content.

Hornbuckle said the university chose the free Ruckus application so MSU and the students would not have to pay anything.

MSU senior Emily Melton said, "I think it's good for students because it allows them to listen to new music and most of them are poor and can't afford to go and buy a new CD."

MSU linked to Ruckus almost a year ago, Hornbuckle said. Promotional posters were used to get the word out, but MSU refrains from advertising the program.

Hornbuckle said, "Since we have not entered into an agreement with Ruckus for a commercial application, we don't necessarily want to push one solution over the other legal options, like iTunes, for example."

As with any downloading site, campus computer users must read all agreements for any file sharing or digital media application to be certain they do not download or share copyrighted material that has not been paid for or licensed for use, Hornbuckle said.

Even though MSU has been linked to Ruckus for almost a year, only 120 users are registered with morehead.state.edu addresses, which include faculty and staff, Hornbuckle said.

"As technologies make it faster and easier to share music, music piracy has only increased," Hornbuckle said. "Providing a legal solution and educating students about copyright is only the first step. Ultimately, people must take responsibility for their own actions."

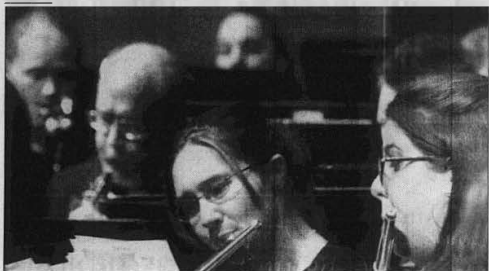


Photo by Chris Johnson

MSU's Symphony Orchestra performed on Dec. 4 in their annual Winter Concert. The recital was held in Dunham Recital Hall.

## Students run nearly naked for the needy

Betty Chaney - Staff Writer

In the cold darkness of a late November night, MSU students, some barely dressed, huddle together for warmth. As their breath forms clouds in front of their faces the students begin stretching in anticipation of the night's event.

These students were not suffering from an illness—they were gathered to participate in the Student Alumni Ambassadors' (SAA) new method of raising donations for a winter charity drive to be held in the needy.

The organization hosted its first Nearly Naked Mile on Wednesday, Nov. 28. SAA President Kenna Allen said the organization took the idea from a national conference but hopes to make it an annual event.

"Other schools have done this and it's been successful," Allen said. "We tweaked it to fit our university."

Though the monitor indicates nudity, clothing was

required, Allen said.

"Participants will donate their coats and other items into around campus without their coats to know what it would be like to be an adult or child without coats," Allen said.

Choice of clothing varied among students.

Approximately 60 students raised everything from T-shirts and shorts to only shorts to almost nothing. A few students appeared to be running in their underwear.

Before the race started the organization had already received more than 50 coats, Allen said.

"The coats will be donated to the Morehead Christian Social Services Center so students will be helping people locally," Allen said.

Sophomore Matt Dotson had two reasons for joining the event.

"It sounded fun and I run cross country," Dotson said.

Freshman Jesse Cochran was persuaded by friends to attend the event.

"They talked me into it. I figured I would come down here and see what was happening," Cochran said.

Freshman Whitney Stevens said she planned the event for the charity.

"It was a good cause, helping little children," Stevens said. "It was for the children."

Ron Duncan took first place in the race. Ryan Hudson came in second with James Bowen finishing third. The 110 Percent Participation award went to the Track and Cross Country teams. Erin Adams won the Most Creative Costume Award. Jesse Cochran won the Nearly Naked Award for showing the most nudity, not the most skin. All winners received certificates for their effort.

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## Gen Ed

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high school and middle school students creates an opportunity for MSU to get students on campus, and help schools in the region.

Adjustments will be made to scholarships offered by MSU in order to attract to the university students with the most chance for success, he said.

"We want to reward students who will be successful," President Andrews.

According to Pathway to Success for the 21st Century: Redesigning General Education, a document submitted to faculty, MSU has two internal requirements that extend financial burdens for students.

The first is the number of credit hours required for graduation. Currently, MSU students are required to achieve 128 hours for graduation, but only 120 hours are required by the state. By lowering the number of required hours, students could earn a degree in less time.

The second is the loss of scholarship awards because of the number of credit hours carried each semester. MSU students are advised to carry between 31 and 36 hours during their freshman year. The Kentucky High School Educational Report states that even students without developmental needs have a hard time earning 30 credit hours in their first year. Most students average between 25 and 28 hours.

Yvonne Baldwin, department chair for geography, government, and history, said it is time for major changes in MSU's approach and delivery of a liberal education.

"That means we need to re-examine all of our academic programs," Baldwin said. "If we can create a more streamlined and academically robust curriculum that takes less time to complete, we can save students' tuition dollars."

According to conversation documents, strategies for the business plan focus on affordability for students. The administration wants to keep MSU at the best value for regional students in comparison with other public universities.

The university's annual costs will be affected by the growth of students and faculty, inflationary increases, student financial aid, and debt service.

Andrews said campus has enough available space to accommodate faculty growth that will be needed to serve the growing number of students.

"We will need to reconfigure the space we have now, and renovate facilities," he said.

Six construction projects are included in the budget plan for MSU. These include the construction of the Star Theatre and Clean Room at the Space Science Center, renovation and expansion of Adron Doran University Center (ADUC), purchase of

equipment for the Center for Health, Education and Research, renovation of Combs, renovation of Burton Auditorium and a plan and design program for a future new library.

President Andrews said about 8,600 square feet will be added to ADUC that will provide a space for enrollment services, admissions, student health services, housing, and financial aid.

"Students will be able to get everything taken care of in one area," Andrews said.

He said Combs was chosen for renovation because it has the highest volume of students and is in the poorest condition.

In addition, heating and air conditioning facilities for residence halls will be renovated, and one new apartment-style dormitory will be added that can house more than 400 students.

Hughes said to accommodate the growth on MSU's campus, plans are being made for more physical facilities, and current academic space is being evaluated but the university must wait for the approval of a state budget.

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bullshit kind of way."

Goldie didn't go easy on students, Swank said. But students always knew where they stood with him. They might have been scared away by Goldie's "intimidating eyebrows" at first, but after that, a student knew Goldie was a professor they could relate to.

When the department found out Goldie was diagnosed with cancer, everyone was surprised, Swank said.

"He was strong, he was stocky," he said. "He looked like a fire hydrant. Him having cancer shocked everyone."

Swank said Goldie was "strategic" and "when he visited him weekly throughout his illness, Goldie never complained."

One thing that might surprise most people is that Goldie was a county sheriff at one point, Swank said. But the best thing about Goldie was that he lived "an honest life."

Bernadette Barton, associate professor of sociology, said she respected Goldie because he was committed to social justice and was "willing to interrogate his own privilege."

She said Goldie was a Buddhist who was very committed to his beliefs and lived by them. The idea of Buddhism is to meditate and attain enlightenment and a state of "egolessness."

Goldie's Buddhist mentor was there with him throughout his illness, and she told Barton his thoughts were always about others, Barton said.

Goldie was a protector and Barton said he once escorted her to the police station when she had to report a conflict with a neighbor.

"He just had this presence about him and you just felt safe around him," she said.

Goldie's students say he was an inspirational professor who encouraged critical thinking and researched opinions.

Many students have voiced their memories of Goldie's "BS flags," which he drew on the board when students voiced problematic opinions.

He then told students to be careful and not step in their own "BS."

Kyle O'Quinn, a senior, took Goldie for two courses. He said Goldie was intimidating, but deep down, "had a heart bigger than his reputation."

Goldie didn't play favorites especially when it came to politics, O'Quinn said. Goldie took no one's side and challenged students to "prove their thoughts instead of just spitting out platform ideals."

Other students remember Goldie for his civic engagement and commitment to bettering the world. O'Quinn said Goldie was "a true man for the sake of humanity."

Rhea Evans, a government major, said Goldie provided her with encouragement and wisdom.

Evans remembered Goldie saying, "A representative democracy is not a spectator sport," and she said Goldie stressed political activism and keeping politicians in check.

John Ernst, associate professor of history, said he, Goldie, and professors Tom Kiffmeyer, Steven Parkansky and John Hennen formed a close friendship over the years and would all go Christmas shopping after the last day of finals every year.

The professors all rode in one vehicle and went shopping for their families in Lexington. After shopping, they would stop at Lynagh's Irish Pub and Grill to fill their stomachs after the long day.

Ernst said each year, the shopping decreased and the time at the Pub increased.

"It got to be where we stayed the night in Lexington," he said. "It just got more elaborate each year."

Ernst said the most important thing Goldie ever taught him was that he didn't have to apologize for his politics. Goldie also taught him to become a better father.

"Family was the most important thing to him," Ernst said. "He always told me I worked too much. The last thing we talked about . . . I went and touched his arm . . . I said, 'I took Sonny (Ernst's son) to see Springfield. He said, 'Oh, how was it?' He locked in on that."

Kiffmeyer said Goldie was an uncommon man because he was truly generous with his time, and was genuinely concerned about others. When Kiffmeyer walked out of his office last week, he noticed that Ernst's and Hennen's office doors were open, but the professors were nowhere to be found.

"There was only one place, if you saw all those doors' open and we weren't there, and that's Greg's office," Kiffmeyer said. "That's where you'd go to talk about something."

Kiffmeyer said the thing he is going to miss most is drinking beer on a porch with Goldie.

"With him, it was more than that," he said.

Kiffmeyer said he went Saturday to do readings for Goldie as part of the Buddhist ritual and he read from a book Goldie gave him that helped him deal with his grief over Goldie's death.

He said that speaks as part of Goldie's personality.

"Three days after he died, he's still helping me out," he said. "That's pretty amazing."

Ernst said it is going to take some time to recover from Goldie's death.

"It's hard," he said. "It's very hard. It's a void that's not going to be filled. I never will be able to replace Greg, nor would I want to. Every department has pillars, and Greg was a pillar in this department."

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mills Rd., Lexington, Ky.

MSU's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held Nov. 29. Students, faculty, and local citizens were invited to attend the event.

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 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION


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## Get Involved

apathy - 1. absence or suppression of passion, emotion, or excitement. 2. lack of interest in or concern for things that others find moving or exciting.

Signs containing the above definition hung around campus from the Student Government Association. Many students wondered about the purpose of those signs.

One goal of the Morehead State University SGA Campus Involvement Committee this year is to raise awareness of apathy and its adverse effects on certain issues such as civic engagement, human rights, citizenship, school spirit, and the environment. To kick off efforts for the year SGA held Students Against Apathy Week during October 22-26, 2007. Focusing on civic engagement and citizenship this week included a Mock gubernatorial debate between the College Republicans and the College Democrats, just before the Nov. 6 Election.

Looking at human rights SGA partnered with the Model International Criminal Court for a screening of "Hood Diamond" followed by discussion on human rights and student involvement. Instructor of History Ibrahim N'Diaye, who is a native of Mali in Africa region led discussion after the film. N'Diaye commented on how students can have a positive effect on human rights issues. N'Diaye said, "Be a global citizen... Don't change your lifestyle. Do what you would always do, except think of how it contributes to the world."

To continue efforts for getting students more involved SGA created three sub-committees, which are the School Spirit Team, Green Team, and the Civic Engagement Team. Many events will begin immediately after winter break. SGA encourages students to join in all the events. SGA meetings are always open to anyone, and input is encouraged.



## Blue and Gold Ball

Advisor Terri Roberts, Rebecca Hollon, President Wayne Andrews, Katie Hockenberry, Dean Kevin Koett

## Students and Faculty Recognized for Achievements

Chris Hess was named the October Student of the Month, Hess, of Paintsville, Ky., is a sophomore government and communications double major. He is very involved in his social fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, holding the offices of chaplain, vice president of risk management, and chairman for Relay for Life. He served as Sigma Phi Epsilon's delegate on the Interfraternity Council and worked as the Greek Week chairman. Hess is a student representative on a university standing committee, member of the Mock International Criminal Court, and serves as an associate justice on Morehead State University's student court. He is a peer advisor, SOAR orientation leader, and serves as a work-study at enrollment services. Hess maintains a grade point average above 3.0.

SGA selected Scott Chaney as Senator of the Month for October. Chaney, of Ashland, Ky., is a senior management major. He serves as secretary, intramural chairman, and fund raising chairman for his social fraternity Delta Tau Delta. He also actively serves the students of MSU by working as a resident hall

assistant for West Mignon. Chaney serves both on campus and in the Morehead community. He was elected this fall by the student body as a member of the homecoming court, where he represented the social sorority Delta Zeta. He is not only committed civically, but also academically maintaining a grade point average above 3.0.

Jacquelyn Scott was presented the Flying High Award for October. Scott, coordinator for non-traditional and commuter students at MSU, is committed to helping these students succeed at MSU. She is both a counselor and mentor, offering a shoulder for students to lean on for support. Former students credit her with their motivation to stay in school. Current students rely on Scott's guidance to adjust to college life and excel at MSU. She has opened her home to stranded commuters and has advocated for fair consideration when students find themselves in unforeseen circumstances.

The Funding and Awards Committee encourages students, faculty, and student organizations to make nominations students for the aforementioned monthly awards. Student organizations are also encouraged to apply for SGA grant funds. Award nomination forms and funding packets can be picked up at the SGA office in ADUC room 203.

## SGA Successfully Advocates for Fall Break

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, the Student Government Association voted to approve a recommendation in favor of implementing a fall break at Morehead State University. The resolution was made in response to several students petitioning SGA to advocate for a break during the fall semester.

The resolution was signed by the SGA President and delivered to the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President on Nov. 13, 2007 for consideration. On Nov. 19, 2007, the cabinet of MSU President, Dr. Wayne Andrews accepted administrative action on a fall break concept for MSU students.

Vice President for Student Life Madonna Weathers said, "The exact days of the break have not been approved. That will be decided by mid-January."

Concerns were raised regarding the potential impact of this policy on the number of hours students spend in class. However, a two-day break in the fall would balance the number of classroom contact hours within each semester. Currently fall semester is two days longer than the spring.

The 2007 fall semester consists of 10 full weeks of class between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. This is the longest, continuous period in the academic calendar year

without an opportunity for students to have a weekday off to relax and recharge.

Currently, all four of the other regional public universities in Kentucky observe a fall break. Institutions such as Kentucky State University do not observe a fall break, but provide a break for students during final exam week in the form of reading day.

In response to the controversy surrounding the discontinuation of reading day at MSU (when no exams were held on Wednesday during finals week), SGA focused on identifying another opportunity for students to reenergize during the academic year. At that time, information was collected for the consideration of a fall break.

In April 2007, the Student Success Task Force, consisting of faculty, staff, and students, recommended a fall break be observed on the Monday and Tuesday following fall semester midterms. A provision included requirements for faculty and staff to continue their work-related responsibilities during this time period, including tallying and submitting midterm grades.

In October 2007, the Morehead State University Faculty Senate concurred with the recommendations of the task force regarding fall break and were later joined later by SGA.

In November 2007, the MSU President's Cabinet committed to scheduling a fall break. Decided dates will be announced by the end of January 2008.

## Making Student Life the Best it Can Be

The Student Government Association Student Life Committee researches policies and initiatives plans to enhance the quality of student life for students while serving as a liaison to university departments.

During the 2007 fall semester, the Student Life Committee has addressed concerns involving the student health clinic hours, extending hours of Band Music Hall, disseminating information about emergency safety plans, and making bike rack adjustments on campus.

Additionally, the committee is responsible for accompanying the dean of students, vice president for student life, and the Morehead State University Police Department on a campus safety walk once each semester. During the walk, campus lighting and emergency phones are tested to make sure they are in working order. Recommendations are made for improvements on campus to ensure safety.

The committee also conducts research to compare MSU to other similar universities. This academic year, the committee will be examining tailgating policies at other benchmark universities.

Student Life will be examining green initiatives to make MSU a more environmentally-friendly place.

## 24 Hour Student Lounge on Campus, Long Overdue

Beginning with the 2007 fall semester, two new 24-hour computer labs are available on campus. The establishment of these facilities resulted from changes in student computer usage demand recognized by the Student Government Association.

"The previous 24-hour computer lab in the basement of the library was not effectively meeting the various needs of our students," SGA President Brian Gay says. "Many students would use the old lab as a place to hang out, check their facebook account, and engage in online video gaming. Sometimes, these activities would be disruptive to others working on papers or other class-related activities."

With support from the university, SGA established a quiet-zone 24-hour computer lab intended for intense study or paper writing in Ginger Hall room 111. The basement of Fields Hall was redesigned as a 24-hour student lounge.

Planning conducted by SGA's Student Lounge Committee called for an environment to serve as a social venue and a safe place for students to work on group projects during the night hours.

"The lounge in Fields Hall is a place for students to chill, play games, watch movies, and hang out with friends," Chair of the Student Lounge



President Brian Gay and Keamie Ellis giving students the Citizenship Quiz at Wellfest 2007

The committee's goal is to make Student Life the best possible at MSU. To submit a student concern online, go to the SGA website: <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga> and click on "student concerns." Concerns submitted in person can be taken to visit the SGA office in ADUC 203 and dropped in the box located by the SGA office door. The SGA website lists updates on student concerns.

Committee Mikey Ash says, "Students can currently come in 24 hours a day, work on the computers, or bring in their own laptops."

The student lounge in Fields Hall is open, but remains a work in progress. Currently, desks, chairs, and 20 computers furnish the lounge. New couches, tables, chairs, and other furniture are expected to arrive in January 2008. Fundraising plans are underway for the placement of a big screen television.

In a room adjacent to the lounge, the Housing Office will be collaborating with SGA on the placement of two pool tables. This room will have an emphasis on school spirit.

President Gay said, "Our goal is to create images of school spirit that will provoke a sense of eagle pride."

Students will soon be able to submit proposals for the Eagle Pride Mural Contest held by SGA. The winning design will be painted on the wall for current and future students to enjoy.

Mikey Ash said, "Though we have many ideas in progress, much is still being researched. If you have any ideas that you would like to see in these areas, please bring them to the attention of SGA. Let us know!"

For more information regarding the MSU student lounge, visit the Student Government Association in ADUC 203.

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## A win behind them, tough games ahead

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

The MSU women's basketball team won on Saturday at home against Alice Lloyd College 83-60.

With this win under their belts, the Lady Eagles now head into Ohio Valley Conference play.

Tonight they play at Austin Peay, but a win there likely will not be as easy as against Alice Lloyd — a college with an enrollment of just 600.

"We'll have to be good," MSU coach Mike Bradbury said about the game against

Austin Peay. "Hopefully we'll play well and we'll get better."

He said after the win against Alice Lloyd the team has to practice again and concentrate on the next opponents. Bradbury knows those games will be tougher.

Alice Lloyd handed Morehead State the first points.

Seconds after the game's start, MSU's Brittney Pittman passed the jumpball to Afion Perry, who gave the ball to Chynna Bozeman on the left side. Bozeman brought it back to Perry inside the paint, who was fouled by Alice Lloyd's Nicole Lutes. Both free-throws by Perry were good for the first two points.

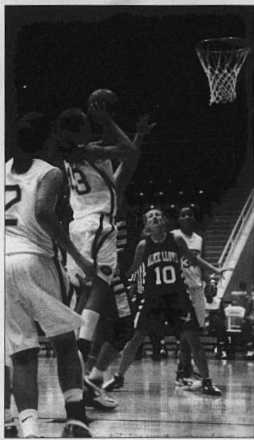
During the next five minutes both teams played tough and on the same level, but the 10-10 score at the 15:35 mark in the first period was the last time Alice Lloyd would stay even with the Eagles.

At halftime Morehead State led 37-28 and was able to expand its lead to 83-60 for the final score.

"At first our game was a little scrappy," said MSU guard Aashia Smith-Williams. "During the second half we played better."

Now the Lady Eagles have to concentrate on OVC games. It won't be easy, Bradbury said.

"There's not one game left, where we are better talentwise than our opponents, so it'll be tough," he said.



MSU's Brittney Pittman goes up for two points.

## Getting ready for the OVC — and more

From the Sports Desk

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor



The MSU women's basketball team showed their knowledge of the game against Alice Lloyd.

But it will take more than that to win in the conference. In last week's game against Alice Lloyd, the Lady Eagles let the game slip away a little bit in the first five minutes.

A small school like Alice Lloyd will allow you to come back — OVC opponents will not.

Coach Mike Bradbury knows that most of their OVC opponents have more talent.

This conference season will be tough, but Bradbury does everything for a better outlook in the future.

He wants to work on getting the talent to MSU. He has succeeded at other schools. Will he be able to do the same thing at MSU?

Time will tell.

## The Herd beats the Eagles

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

The Morehead State men's basketball team traveled across the state line Saturday night and came home with a 69-56 loss to Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.

"Their size probably wore us down some late in the game," MSU coach Donnie Tyndall said in a press release.

Morehead State is now 2-4 this season.

The Eagles will have their first OVC game against Austin Peay tonight. On Saturday they will face Murray State on the road.



Lady Eagles coach Mike Bradbury shouts orders as he paces the sideline.

## The magic formula: A lot of water and a little bit of Diet Mountain Dew

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

A bottle of water and a can of Diet Mountain Dew in a black cooler always accompany him. He runs up and down the sidelines, throws his arms in the air and shouts out "Flat four."

Mike Bradbury is not playing basketball. The head coach of Morehead State's women's basketball team is limited to the sidelines.

"When we are playing bad I would like to jump in and play myself," he says.

This is Bradbury's first season as the Lady Eagles' head coach and he says he wants to make the women's basketball program more successful than it has been in the past.

"I want to get to a competitive level in the OVC conference, where it has never been before," he says.

Bradbury knows that goal will take him a few more years running up and down the sidelines and many more bottles of water and cans of Mountain Dew.

"Diet Mountain Dew is the only thing I drink," he says. "I don't drink as many as people think."

When it comes to building a successful women's basketball program at Morehead State, Bradbury is concentrating on recruiting.

"We've got to get players as good as anybody else has," he says. "Everywhere I've been we had good players, so that's what we'll do here, too."

Bradbury worked as head assistant coach for five years at Xavier University and six years at the University of Cincinnati.

For his head coaching position at MSU, Bradbury has the full support of Athletic Director Brian Hutchinson.

"Mike brought really successful experience

from a regional institution," Hutchinson says.

"He knows how to win and is also familiar with our recruiting base, which is the same as Xavier's and Cincinnati's."

Hutchinson says Bradbury has the ability to build a successful women's basketball program at MSU, in part because of his outstanding staff.

Bradbury has known his assistant coaches several years. He met Harry Ellison 15 years ago, coached Valerie King at the University of Cincinnati, recruited Ashley Allen to play at Ohio State and has worked with Morra Grill, who served as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at West Virginia Tech. His staff believes in him.

"He's very intense and competitive," says Allen. "His biggest strengths are his knowledge of the game and the experience he had [coaching at other schools]."

Bradbury spends 70 to 80 hours per week in his office or on the court and says his wife Christy and his two-year old son Alex support him.

"She really enjoys basketball, so she understands," he says. "Family always comes first, but with good time management you can do both. I'm a very structured person."

Now Bradbury is trying to build a structure of winning into the women's basketball program at MSU. He says it will take him a few years to bring it to the top of the OVC, but that does not mean he has given up on this year's team.

"I never expect a loss," he says. "Every time we play I expect a win."

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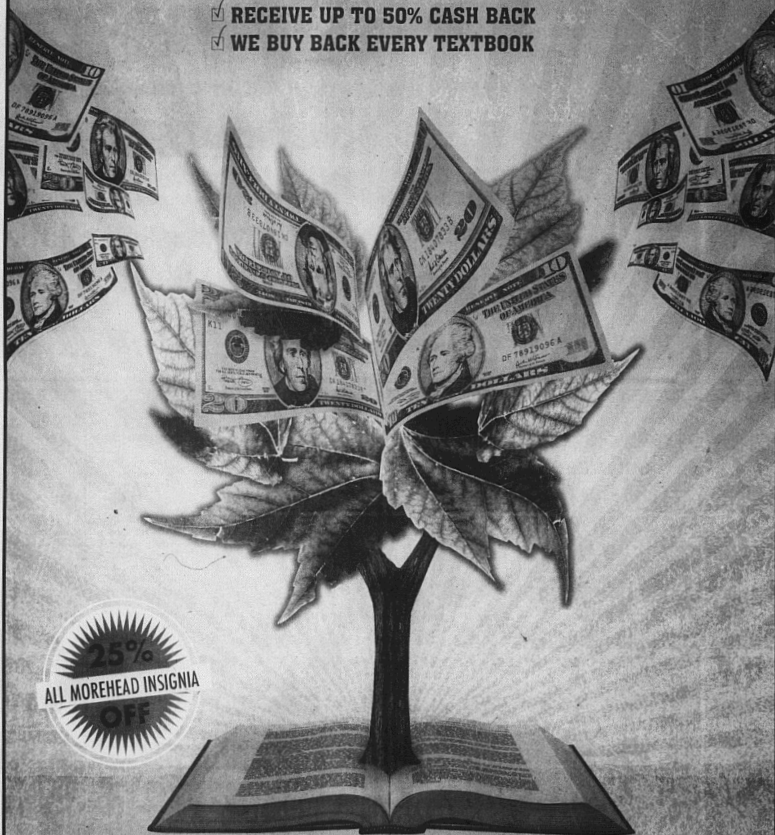
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